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SUBJECT: GSP: FIRST YEAR REVIEW

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SUMMARY: MOZAMBIQUE DELAYED ACCEPTANCE OF GSP UNTIL LATE  
IN THE FIRST YEAR. HOWEVER, AFTER BENEFITS OF PROGRAM  
WERE REALIZED, GPRM FOCUSED EXPORT EFFORTS TO AVAIL ITSELF  
OF GSP BENEFITS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH DR. ALMEIDA MATOS, GPRM DIRECTOR OF  
FOREIGN COMMERCE, ABOUT FIRST YEAR OF GSP. ACCORDING MATOS,  
GPRM HAS DEFINITELY FOUND GSP BENEFICAL, AND IS NOW TRYING  
TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO US TO TAKE ADVANTAGES OF PROGRAM  
PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF GSP, MOZAMBIQUE IN 1976 EXPORTED OVER  
DOLS 7.5 MILLION OF SUGAR TO THE US, ALMOST 50 PERCENT MORE  
THAN IN 1975 WHEN SUGAR PRICES WERE HIGHER. IT APPEARS FROM  
GSP STATISTICS THAT A FEW "NON-TRADITIONAL" PRODUCTS WERE  
EXPORTED TO THE US, BUT WHETHER THIS EXPORTATION IS DUE  
SOLELY TO GSP IS UNCERTAIN.

2. BECAUSE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S RELATIVE "NEWNESS" AS AN INDEPENDENT  
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COUNTRY, IT IS JUST NOW FORMULATING DEVELOPMENT PLANS. TO THE  
BEST OF EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE NO NEW INVESTMENT IS PLANNED HERE  
SOLELY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GSP. HOWEVER, IT IS LIKELY THAT FOR  
ANY NEW EXPORTS, THE US MARKET AND ELEGIBILITY OF A PRODUCT FOR GSP  
WILL RECEIVE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION.

3. THE GREATEST PROBLEM EMBASSY EXPERIENCED WITH GSP WAS IN

URGING GPRM TO COMPLETE THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES. ONLY SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER EMBOFFS MADE PRESENTATION TO GPRM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS A NOTE RECEIVED FROM GPRM FORMALLY ACCEPTING BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM, AND SEVERAL MORE MONTHS BEFORE THE NAMES AND SPECIMENS OF SIGNATURES OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS WERE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. THIS DELAY PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE NEARLY DOLS 600,000 OF ELIGIBLE MOZAMBICAN PRODUCTS WHICH DID NOT BENEFIT FROM GSP. A MINOR PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE US IMPORTER'S AND BANK'S REQUIREMENT THAT THE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE FROM A CONSULAR OFFICER ATTESTING TO THE VALIDITY OF THE SIGNATURES AND SEALS ON THE CERTIFICATE. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN TIME-CONSUMING AND CONFUSING, AND SEEMS TO US TO BE UNNECESSARY.

4. MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S SYSTEM OF GSP, NOR FROM THE LOME AGREEMENT.DE PREE

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